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umns:

“My Dear Son, I am just in the act of leaving home for New Mexico. My fine old regiment has been ordered to that distant region, and I must hasten on to see that they are pro-

perly cared for. I have no time to write to you now.

“The 25th of May, 26, 27, and 28. Your

letters breathe a true spirit of frankness, and

the world, friends and the child of honesty and

conscience. See just what you mean to do on ev-

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METING OF CONGRESS.—The second session of the Thirty-eighth Congress commenced to-day, and everything is in an unusual and formal condition. The immense scuffle which for several years has obstructed the rotunda has been removed, and the elegant space is cleared of obstructions. The valuable pictures which adorn its walls can again be examined without the inconveniences of dust and noise. The Washington Chronicle states that the roar of gunnery around the first or lower section of the dome, and which are so arranged that objects are unseen from below, afford a light of such brilliancy that the dome is perceptible from the wharves at Alexandria in that direction, and of course from many miles around; but, shortly, that *chef d'œuvre* of American skill and achievement will be illuminated to the admiration of the world. The second section of the dome, and the heads of the several figures, are to be seen from below, afford a light of such brilliancy that the dome is perceptible from the wharves at Alexandria in that direction, and of course from many miles around; but, shortly, that *chef d'œuvre* of American skill and achievement will be illuminated to the admiration of the world.

THE LATE GREAT FIGHT AT FRANKLIN.

INTERESTING DETAILS OF THE ENGAGEMENT.

(Special Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.)

NASHVILLE, Dec. 2, 1861.

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